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TWO CENTS.

## HARDING SELECTS ROOSEVELT TO BE DENBY ASSISTANT

Both Men Have Accepted, President-Elect Announces Definitely.

**DEPARTMENT POLICIES** TAKEN UP IN MEETING

New Secretary of Navy Confers at St. Augustine-Recommended by Weeks.



By the Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 26. President-elect Harding today that he had selected Edwin Denby of Detroit this afternoon for the purpose of for Secretary of the Navy, and Theo- determining what steps school offidore Roosevelt, son of the former President, for assistant secretary. Both have accepted.

Mr. Denby, once an ordinary "gob," recently a sergeant of marines, talked over naval policies with President-elect Harding today in a conference that sealed his appointment to the cabinet. It was understood the discussion ranged all the way from Mr. Denby's building should be removed.

Believes Action Is Demanded.

District Health Officer William C. Fowler has been requested to attend and to present his opinion as to whether the Hamilton School is unhealthy as charged and whether the building should be removed.

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District Health Officer William C. Fowler has been requested to attend the league council, has been active in these conferences.

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Believes Action Is Demanded. administration has recommended and which Mr. Harding has asked the republican Congress to carry out.

Selection In Surprise. Before he saw Mr. Harding, Mr. Denby declared, his tentative assignment to the Navy portfolio had been a complete surprise to him, but he indicated that he would accept if his notions of naval affairs were found compatible with the policies of the next administration. In addition to service as an enlisted man in war service as an enlisted man in war time, both in the Navy and Marine Corps, Mr. Denby has to his credit an experience of several years as a member of the House naval commit-tee, in the latter capacity attracting the attention of John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, formerly chairman of Harding's prospective Secretary of War, who is said to have been the first to recom

### BEATEN SENSELESS AND MAILS ROBBED

#### Clerk Found Unconscious in Pittsburgh—Loss May Run High.

low employes a few minutes before the train was scheduled to leave the roofs of several of the schools Union station for Washington, Pa. Union station for Washington, Pa. Two pouches of mail are reported

McCullough, who resides at Waynesburg. Pa., was removed to a hospital, where it was said he had suffered a compound fracture of the skull. George V. Craighead, postal inspec-tor here, said that McCullough had arrived at the Pennsylvania station at 5:45 a.m. and had gone to his car to write up the registered mail. Craighead said that while he was do-ing so he was hit from behind with a coupling pin which was found lying on the floor of the car covered with

The postal inspector said that the bandits had gathered up the loose registered mail, the value of which. said, probably will run high, and made their escape

#### CHAMP CLARK IMPROVES.

Practically Overcomes Pleurisy, Which Has Confined Him to Bed.

Representative Champ Clark of Missouri practically has recovered from the attack of pleurisy which has con-fined him to his bed for the past ten days, his physician, Dr. Jesse Shoup, After visiting the democratic House leader at 11 o'clock, Dr. Shoup issued this builetin The condition of Representative Champ Clark is improving and his outlook is encouraging. He had a good night and slept well and has practically recovered from the attack

attack of pleurisy was accompanied by a general breakdown and complications affecting the heart and

#### \$65,000 CABLED TO IRISH.

NEW YORK, February 26 .- Sixty-Ireland yesterday by the American committee for relief in Ireland. The committee announced that the total sent thus far amounted to \$165,000.

### HOOVER SEES ALEXANDER; HERE TO LEARN OF DUTIES

Present and Future Commerce Secretaries Confer—Plans to "Build Up, Not Tear Down," Says the Food Expert.

Herbert Hoover, who is to be Sec- Russia. He said this was another retary of Commerce in the Harding administration, conferred for an hour and a half today with Secretary His attention was called to the fact Alexander of the Department of Com-merce, familiarizing himself with the organization over which he will preorganization over which he will pre-side after March 4. It was the first of a series of coneign trade than domestic trade. Asked if this policy would be continued. Mr. Hoover replied that he consid-

It was the first of a series of conferences which Mr. Hoover will hold with Secretary Alexander between now and inauguration day. At the conclusion of their talk this morning, Mr. Hoover told newspaper men that he would prefer not to discuss the probable policies of his administration until he had conferred with President-elect Harding. He stated that he would probably issue a statement soon after March 4.

Asked if it was his intention to completely revolutionize the Depart-Mr. Hoover arrived here today from New York, and went into conference with Secretary Alexander at 11 o'clock. At the conclusion of their discussion a better today from Congress and Treaty With German Action of their discussion a better today from Montal Congress and Treaty With German Action of their discussion a better today from Montal Congress and Treaty With German Action of their discussion a better today from Montal Congress and Treaty With German Action of their discussion a better today from Montal Congress and Treaty With German Action of their discussion as a second conference with Secretary Alexander at 11 o'clock.

ment of Commerce, Mr. Hoover re:- he plied: "Oh! no, one wants to build up. tographers, who arranged themselves in a semi-circle and "shot" him for close-up views. The new Secretary will return to New York Monday, but expects to be back in Washington in time, as he expositive ideas as to what is needed to make a real Department of Com-merce. These ideas will be set forth merce. These ideas will be set forth in the statement which he will issue after conferring with President-elect Harding.

An attempt was made to sound out Mr. Hover's attitude as to the design the department before he is inducted into office.

It is probable Mr. Hoover's confer-

### Mr. Hoover's attitude as to the de-ence with President-elect Harding will sirability of developing trade with be held in Washington March 3. HAMILTON SCHOOL LEAGUE QUANDARY EVILS TO BE AIRED OVER U. S. YAP NOTE

Definite announcement was made by of education, today called a special cials can take to remedy the situa-

Has Positive Ideas.

He said, however, that he had some

closed doors at the Franklin School. prerogatives of the

Dr. Simon discussed the Hamilton School conditions at the conference, and the board president decided that the continued attacks on the school demanded immediate action by the school governing body.

Belief is expressed in school circles that the board this effective school governments continued attacks on the school governments continued attacks on the school governments.

that the board this afternoon will sent to have the matter taken out of the hands of the supreme council. The league council today took up vide an emergency appropriation to remove the so-called deplorable conditions at the school, or for the erec-tion of a new building in the city Mount Olivet cemetery.

Transfer to Hospitals Probable. However, some school officials feel that the thirty-four children enrolled at the Hamilton School should be placed in a hospital under the jurisdiction of the health department.

Therefore, if the board should decide that it will be unable to obtain porary commission to consider a regularization from Constitution in armaments. This body a sufficient appropriation from Con-gress to construct a new building, it is believed that the school governing body will recommend that the children be transferred to a hospital and the health department be given con-trol of them. Under this plan, school officials would have to furnish teachers to conduct classes for these children in the hospital, and their re-sponsibility for the children's health ould be placed on the health au-

Another Suggested Solution. Some persons who have been criti-By the Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 26.—

J. I. McCullough, aged twenty-eight, a government railway mail clerk, was found beaten unconscious at the Pennsylvania railroad statiop by felclasses for the tubercular-infected children at a comparatively small

#### Today's News in Paragraphs

League in quandry how to meet American note without infringing upon rights of allied supreme council

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Court orders term of 360 days in gun-The House will vote on the bonus for tremely weak. cierks, police and firemen late today or possibly tonight; adoption is generally conceded.

Decree declaring man legally dead is asked of court.

valued at more than \$700,000 and escapes. Page 3 capes. Page 3 to make a strong and realistic re-entry
Marshall favors early action on project into the arena of world politics. Society of Natives unanimously indorses plea to Congress for increased supply of water in D. C. Page 3

The meeting will be held behind ernment without trespassing on the prerogatives of the allied supreme property would permit the Berlin council. Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese member of the league council, has the United States as a basis of credit, military service here yesterday, and the United States as a basis of credit, military service here yesterday, and

islands under this series of mandates unless the allied governments con-

proper to replace the school, which is disarmament yesterday. It will ask located on Bladensburg road facing the powers which signed at St. Ger-

will be composed of prominent pub-lic men, together with technical experts and representatives of labor and of industries and some members of military and economic commis-sions. Rene Viviani, former premier of France, has been asked to accept the chairmanship of this

Secreey Still Maintained. A recommendation by the assembly of the league of nations that an or ganization be set up to verify military information supplied by its members, as provided for in the league of nations, cannot be carried out without an amendment to the coverant nations, cannot be carried out with-cut an amendment to the covenant of the league. The council has decided to leave to a permanent military com-mission the task of investigating this subject further.

The human side of Wi subject further.

#### MAY POSTPONE MANDATES.

Conciliatory Reply Expected U. S. Note of Protest.

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News, Copyright, 1921. Harding slips away to visit deaf, dumb and blind children.

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Panama starts hostilities with Costa Rica.

Page 1
Harding tentatively approves scheme to Harding tentatively approves scheme to political expediency rather than of juris-st 200 000 000 credit to Germany. prudence. If it were merely the latter there is no doubt that this reply would in gun-be readily made, for it is generally con-Page 1 tended that the American case is ex-

te today However, every one recognizes that the material position of the United States at this time is strong enough to land importance even to a weak ease. Board of education in session today to consider remedy for conditions alleged to exist at Hamilton School. Page 1
Dr. Crafts meets rebuff at conference on movie censorship.

Labor men say U. S. is implicated in coal guilt if such exists. Page 2
Decree declaring man legally dead to state at this time is strong enough to lend importance even to a weak case, and the council will send a conciliatory reply to Washington and will postpone a further decision regarding the mandates. The situation is complicated by the fact that Europeans are unable to estimate in how far the present government. Page 2 mate in how far the present government represents the view which will be maintained by the Harding administration in the immediate future. In France Sectors asked of court.

Ithe immediate future. In France Sections Boy teller robs bank of liberty bonds retary Colby's note is taken as new evidence that the United States is about

HAMON'S SLAYING ADMITTED.

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Society of Natives unanimously indorses plea to Congress for increased supply of water in D. C.

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Warrant for deportation of Martens canceled.

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VORK. February 26.—Sixtynously and object of the language of signs, some with sad a factions put out "feelers."

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H. H. Chapman says Forestry Association impaired its usefulness by cleeting the formal control in the con

### HARDING APPROVES SCHEME OF BILLION **CREDIT FOR BERLIN**

Gives Tentative Backing to Plan to Use Seized Holdings as Security.

\$400,000,000 IN CUSTODY COULD FINANCE PROJECT

many to Carry Out.

Mr. Hoover sat in the chair which he will occupy as Secretary of Commerce and smilingly faced the pho-

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

ing by New York bankers contem-

in the United States by the alien in the United States by the alien property custodian in behalf of German citizens. This is estimated to amount to at least \$400,000,000, because the remainder of what the alien property custodian has really belongs to citizens of Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia, and under an amendment to the trading-with-thenemy act passed by Congress the property of those citizens must be returned to them when they claim it. Basis for Loans Here.

EVILS IUBE AIKED

UVERU. S. YAPNUE

Board of Education Called in Extra Session to Consider Remedy.

Must Satisfy America and Yet Keep Intact Supreme Council's Prerogatives.

Basis for Loans Here.

It is possible, of course, with four hundred million dollars placed as assets in a single corporation to raise other funds for credit purposes either through Americans or Germans interested in the financing of a huge export project of this kind, but inquiry here discloses the fact that if the proponents of the idea had the notion that a billion dollars of securities were available for the German credit, such is not the case.

Broadly speaking, the approval by Aroused over persistent criticism of conditions at the Hamilton Public School for tubercular children, Dr. Abram Simon, president of the board of education, today called a special session of that body at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of determining what steps school offi-

Will Require Agreement. The plan, moreover, would require however, is lacking. Formal details an agreement with the German govation of war had not been made as ernment whereby the owners of the late as last night.

Believes Action is Demanded.

Dr. Simon called the special board concileve after a conference this morning with Stephen E. Kramer, acting superintendent of schools, in the absence of Dr. Frank W. Ballou, who is in Atlantic City attending the annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education Association. Mr. Kramer, and Dr. Simon discussed the Hamilton School conditions at the conference, and the board president decided that the continued attacks on the school demanded immediate action by the school governing body.

Belief is expressed in school circles

trade that way before engaging in ince of Chiriqui, which is new purchases. Merchants Want to Be Paid.

### Brand-New Broom WITH COSTA RICA

Open Hostilities Reported, Recruiting of Panamans

Official confirmation of these reports, however, is lacking. Formal declar-

and would renounce all claims against reports from other parts of the retien with the new enterprise.

It cannot be said that banking opinion is altogether unanimous as to the like an extension of the costa wildow of the scheme for a control of the scheme for t

thirty-two miles distant from Coto. Canal Governor to See President.

the hands of the supreme council.

The league council today took up various questions relative to the free city of Danzig.

The council took up the question of disarmament yesterday. It will ask the powers which signed at St. Germann, at the same time that the Austrian treaty was signed, the convention relating to control of traffic in arms and munitions, to ratify this convention, declaring that until this is done no progress can be made in this direction.

It was decided to nominate a temporary commission to consider a reduction in armaments. This body will be composed of prominent public men together with temptate and the United States legation for foreign markets, they are obviously not anxious to sell to customers that have not paid or will not pay. The whole question as to what shall be done with the German property in the United States can be settled alone by Congress. The office of the alien property custodian is simply a large trust company, which has held the goods for disposition by Congress. It is probable that the next Secretage to the matter into the commercial treaty between the United States and Germann merchants are eager for foreign markets, they are obviously not anxious to sell to customers that have not paid or will not pay. The whole question as to what shall in the United States can be settled alone by Congress. The office of the alone by Congress. The office of the alone by Congress. It is probable that the next Secretage that until this the goods for disposition by Congress. It is probable that the next Secretage th of all questions between the held several thousand rifles for th United States and Germany growing Panama government and it was supout of the war without taking over posed the volunteers would be armed any of the obligations of the treaty with them. It was learned at the

### Harding Slips Away for Visit to Deaf, Dumb and Blind Children

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 26.

The human side of Warren G. Harding to the deaf and dumb children who predominated. His introduction was an electronic state of the principal, first introduced Mr. Harding to the deaf and dumb children who predominated. His introduction was an electronic state of the principal, first introduced Mr. Harding to the deaf and dumb children who predominated. His introduction was an electronic state of the principal, first introduced Mr. Harding to the deaf and dumb children who predominated. subject further.

The council still is guarding as a close secret its deliberations on the American note concerning mandates.

Speculation consequently is rife as to several possible eventualities. All guesses on the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed today by a report that he had seen the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed today by a report that he had seen the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed today by a report that he had seen the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed today by a report that he had seen the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed today by a report that he had seen the subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed to subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed to subject are being denied to subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed to subject are being denied as fast as they are made. Arthur J. Balfour was particularly vexed to subject are being denied to subject ar ed today by a report that he had been charged with drafting a reply to the American note.

\*\*Total Company of the double introduction Mr. Harding arose. As he spoke his words were in indolence and mental misery. But interpreted to the deaf and dumb by under the new order of things it is people attending it are preparing thempeople attending it are preparing themselves to take an important and useful place in the affairs of the world.

When the head of the institution first came to the Harding headquarters and suggested that the President-elect come and make a few remarks to the children. George Christian, Mr. Harding has a second sister afflicted harding has a second sister afflicted with blindness, thought it would be a good plan for Dr. A. H. Walker, principal of the school, personally to convey the invitation to the President-elect. In less than an hour after the deet. In less than an hour after the cleek and the dumb children. Good the devoting herself to the education of the blind. He said he wished it were left. In less than an hour after the dome of George Johnson, colored. 1642 Covington street, and that the shooting follows:

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The bill as it passed the House, carried \$109,781,488,75. The Senate added and the precinct police rounded up a number of men alleged to be familiar with bootleggers and better the home of George Londent and the to the bill the to the bill. It receded and agreed to the bill the bil

interview had been arranged, Mr. Harding was on his way to the school. He was accompanied only by Dr. Sawyer of Marion, his family physician: by the writer and by Samuel T. Williamson, another correspondent. The scene at the school was one not asily to be forgotten. Less than a

easily to be forgotten. Less than a mile outside of this ancient city, the school is surrounded by profuse Florida arrived at the school, and the silence as he was ushered into the auditorium was the impressive silence of an a was the impressive silence of an assemblage of those who could not speak or hear, or, speaking or hearing, could not see. There were children in the audience who were crippled, as if the loss of the senses of hearing, speaking provided the senses of hearing, speaking the loss of the sense of the sen and vision were not affliction enough. Possibly the oldest students at this

the school principal, who stood beside the conference report, gave a sum-him. The expressiveness of the sign mary of the conference agreement, as language was brought clearly

the blind. He said he wished it were in his power to give the blind clear vision, and that he might return to the deaf and dumb their impaired senses. Quickly, however, he switched the total of the bill as passed by the House \$674,940, making a net addition to the bill as it passed the House of \$85,530 as the agreement has been to a tone of optimism, and for five min-utes or more he told the children of a oright future they could make for them-

elves. There was no record made of the There was no record made of the speech. No presidential stenographers were along. It was just a homely talk of optimism and helpfulness, and it revealed Warren Harding at his (Copyright, 1921.)

Payments to Roads.

ions from the Treasury and Interior reduce

#### For Harding Gives Workers a Fright

ES \$ 1.700 00 TO CLEAR THE CAPITOL BUILDING

OF INSECTS.

A creepy, wobbly feeling shot through a number of the force at the executive offices of the White House today when an expressman called and left behind him a very useful, but, under the circumstances, a very personal present addressed to "President Warren G. Harding."

"President Warren G. Harding."

It was a large new broom. On the reverse side of the address tag was printed in hand, "Use this."

There were other markings which were not legible, but there was no trace of the sender's name nor the place from which this emblem was sent. There is no question about it having come from out of the city. The broom with its tag was carefully carried to the mail room, where it was placed

was carefully carried to the mail room, where it was placed with a batch of other matter being received daily for Senator Harding.

The receipt of this practical reminder was especially impressive to some of those about the White House, because it is understood that word has been received that the new administration intends to make a "clean sweep" among the per-"clean sweep" among the per-sonnel at the White House.

# \$240 BONUS TODAY

Vote on Senate Amendment to Legislative Bill Will Be Favorable.

The question of the \$240 bonus for government employes is expected to be settled in the House of Representatives late today, possibly at the night session. It is generally conceded that the police and firemen of the District will be included in the the District will be included in the bonus provision, but that employes of sale of weapons in Washington and navy yards and arsenals will not re-

ference report on this measure through the House today. The ques-tion of the \$240 bonus is the most im-portant Senate amendment on which the House must take a separate vote according to the viewpoint of District residents. Representative Wood expected to

get the attention of the House the first thing today, but had to give way for the conference report on the emergency immigration legislation. It is probable that Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee will get the attention of the House for the conference report on the Fordney emergency tariff bill following disposal of the immigration measure.

the House. Other amounts to which the House has agreed reduced the of \$85,530 as the agreement has been

of \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the salaries of Vice President and Speaker.

Temporary employes of the State Department — The House carried \$250,000; the Senate carried \$300,000; conference agreement, \$275,000.

The following passport bureaus went out: New York, \$15,620; San Francisco, \$7,500; Seattle, \$7,500; Key West, \$3,500.

The bureau of war risk insurance— An item of \$255,000 for Pierce ac-

Appropriation for collecting income and profit taxes reduced from \$30,000,000 to \$29,600,000. The House con-000,000 to \$29,500,000. The House con-ferees agreed to the reduction. Deadwood assay office and Carson mint restored to the bill.

### JUDGE MAKES WAR ON GUN-TOTE CLAN

McMahon in Court Says He Intends to End Practice; Orders Year Sentence.

ng of concealed weapons, and I intend to try to put a stop to it," said Judge McMahon in the Police Court today in imposing a sentence of 360 days in jail on John H. Davis, colored, who was convicted of carrying a pistol in his pocket.

Davis was arrested by Policeman John L. Keifer, who said he found the defendant on the street early in the morning with a pistol in his Views of Col. Kutz.

Col. Charles W. Kutz, Engineer Com-

missioner, does not believe "gun-totington merely by the enactment of a local law restricting the sale of fire-arms to persons who have obtained a police permit to purchase a gun. If such a law should be enacted for Washington without similar legis-lation in the adjoining territory of Maryland and Virginia," the colonel

Maryland and Virginia, the colone pointed out, "it would still be comparatively easy for the vicious person to obtain a weapon. Of course, it would improve conditions to the extent that it would make pistols hard to obtain in the city." hard to obtain in the city."

The Engineer Commissioner indorsed the idea expressed by Commissioner Hendrick in The Star several days ago, that every person who possesses a firearm in the District be required to register the wearon with the police department. pon with the police department.

Col. Katz said he is heartily in

made to check the promiscuous carrying of weapons. Sheep and Goats. He voiced the fear that it would be an easy task to decide under the police permit system who are "the lambs" entitled to buy guns and

who are "the goats" in whose hands a weapon would not be safe. not restricting such sales in the surdiana, chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, was confident that he could get the confident that lumbia is too small a geographical unit to have a law of this nature which would differ from the law in he bordering states. SHOT IN LIQUOR ROW.

Wounded Man Taken to Hospital.

While Police Seek Assailant.

o'clock inflicted a wound in the abdo-men of Harry Parker, colored, thirty-three years old, 2351 Sherman avenue. The wounded man was taken to Freedmen's Hospital, where it was said he was in a critical condition.

Parker told the police he was on R street, between 9th and 10th streets, when he was shot by an unidentified white man, but, following an investigation of the affair, the relice research Representative Wood, in calling up tion of the affair, the police reported the conference report, gave a sumabout to enter the home of George Johnson, colored, 1642 Covington street,

Inspector Grant, chief of detectives; members of his murder squad and poments and eighteen are brought back to the Houe.

The bill, as it passed the House, carried \$109.781,488.75. The Senate added farm loan bonds, \$200,000,000. The Senate added a net increase for other items, \$702.380.

Inspector Grant, chief of detectives; members of his murder squad and police of the eighth precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct product of the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night, and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting throughout the night and the precinct participated in an investigation of the shooting thro

liquor was spirited away without being paid for. A white man, suspected of the shooting, is alleged to have gone in pursuit of Parker when he learned his whisky had been taken and shot him.

of \$85,530 as the agreement receded from items amounting to \$139,050.

The principal items involved in the agreement reported are as follows: agreement receded from increases apartments, 14th and C streets southwest. It is said in the message that

An item of \$255,000 for Pierce ac- at the police station pending the re-counting machines included in the sult of the investigation.

GOLD HERE FROM INDIA. NEW YORK, February 26.—Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in gold, \$3,500,000 of which is consigned to

# W. R. & E. PETITIONS

### FOR CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT FARE

Potomac Power and Washington and Georgetown Gas Companies File Plea.

EIGHT MONTHS' TRACTION RETURN IS 4.98 PER CENT

Mortgages and Prospective Outlay of \$10,000,000 Cited in Application of Power Company.

Continuation of existing rates after April 1 is asked by the Washington Railway and Electrical Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company in petitions filed with the Public Ctilities Commission today. The Washington and Georgetown Gas Light companies also filed a petition with the commission asking that the present gas rates, which are scheduled

to expire March 18, be extended to September 15.

The present street car rate of 8 cents straight or four tokens for thirty cents will return automatically to 5 cents with a two-cent charge for to 5 cents with a two-cent charge for transfers on April 1, unless a new order is issued by the commission.

The present electric light rate of 8½ cents per kilowatt hour for current used in private homes will go back to 8 cents unless the commission orders otherwise. It is to prevent both these reductions that the companies have filed petitions at this time.

4.98 Per Cent Returned Enrued. The petition of the railway company states that under the present rate of fare during the past eight months the revenue collected has been equivalent to a return of 4.98 per cent upon the value of the railway properties. This value is given in the petition as \$16.873.380.89.

The Washington Railway and Electric petition again asserts that the The Washington Railway and Electric petition again asserts that the company believes itself entitled to a rate of fare that would yield 8 percent on the value of the property, but adds that in view of legislation pending in Congress to change the method of taxing this company request is made at this time merely for a continuation of the present fare.

In making an earnest plea for con-tinuation of the present charges for electricity, the Potomac Electric Power Company tells the commission

that within the next three years the company must make an outlay of \$10,000,000. Half Represents Mortgage.

Half of this sum, the petition states, represents general mortgage 6 per cent bonds which mature in 1923. The balance of \$5,000,000 must be spent in enlarging the plant to keep nace with the growth of the city. the demand for electric service. The company is making plans now for a new generating station to supplement the Benning station.

The Benning plant, according to an

official of the company, is ample for the present needs of the company, but could not carry the business which will come to the company as Figures presented by the power company show that if the present

company show that if the present schedule of rates for current had been in effect throughout the year 1920 the company would have earned a return of 7.68 per cent on the value of its property, which value is \$16,646,-894.44. 1920 Return 6.65 Per Cent.

Another table of figures shows that the return actually earned during 1920 was 6.65 per cent on the value of the property.

The power company's revenue from the sale of current during 1920 amounted to \$4,128.766.03; revenue from the sale of steam, \$166.755.03; rent from land and buildings, \$5,372.88, and rent of equipment, \$10.348.69. This made a total revenue of \$4,311.242.63.

Operating expenses, including gen-

Operating expenses, including genamortization \$2,386,814.05; taxes, \$250,153.41; paid customers' bills, \$21,651.07; amortization of debt, discount and lay of \$3,203,627.18, leaving available for return upon investment, \$1,107,-615.45.

The petition of the Washington Railway and Electric Company gives the total revenue of the street car company the last months of 1920 as \$4.176.982 49. Expenses, including amortization of debt, are given as \$3.617.580.96. The balance was \$559.401.53, or a return of 3.52 per cent on the value of the property.

The Washington Railway and Electric Company asks the commission to

tric Company asks the commission to reconsider its decision of last Decem-ber that the company should not charge income tax to operating excharge income tax to operating ex-penses, but meet that tax out of net Asks for "Like Rates."

In addition to asking that the present rate of fare be continued on its own lines, the Washington Railway and Electric petition requests that the commission continue "like rates on other street railways as at present." George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, stated today in answer to a question that his company has not decided what stand it will take on the fare question, but will reach a decision soon.

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Sums Up Situation. The Potomac Electric Power Company sums up its financial situation as fol-

and shot him.

Following their all-night investigation, the police sent a message to 6% gen. debs... 5,300,000; ann. int... 265,000 gen. debs... 750,000; ann. int... 45,000 gen. mtg... 3,600,000; ann. int... 216,000 \$11,350,000 "In addition to the above, \$1,091,000 of general mortgage 6s are now pledged as collateral on short-term notes, leaving but \$309,000 of the general 6s

leaving but \$300,000 of the general of available for sale or pledge. This leaves the company in a most serious condition for financing extensions. The only possible source through which these needed extensions can be made is by the company being per mitted to earn a return that would attract investors.

"Yurther, the applicant has still large capital expenditures to make because the demands upon its Benning plant have reached the point where

vided so as to meet the continuing and growing demands upon the com-pany, and to adequately serve the public, including provisions for other Salary of assistant secretary of war reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Quartermaster general fund for (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

Salary of assistant secretary of war the Equitable Trust Company of this city, has arrived here from India on the United States Shipping Board steamship Nemaha, (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)